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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 2, 2005, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a European Search Report dated November 2, 2005, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 03 73 6354.6, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Korean Patent Abstract No. KR 0246932 B1;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,110,703;
- (3) BOURBONNAIS et al., "Production of Full-Length Human Pre-elafin, an Elastase Specific Inhibitor, from Yeast Requires the Absence of a Functional

Yapsin 1(Yap3p)," Protein Expression and Purification, Vol. 20, p.485-491 (2000);

(4) EGEL-MITANI et al., "Yield improvement of heterologous peptides expressed in *yps1*-disrupted *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strains," Enzyme and Microbial Technology, Vol. 26, pp. 671-677(2000);

(5) International Patent Publication No. WO 00/52133;

(6) KOMANO et al., "Purification and Characterization of the Yeast Glycosylphosphatidylinositol-anchored, Monobasic-specific Aspartyl Protease Yapsin 2 (Mkc7p)," The Journal of Biological Chemistry, Vol. 274, No. 34, pp. 24431-24437 (1999);

(7) CAWLEY et al., "Activation and Processing of Non-anchored Yapsin 1 (Yap3p)," The Journal of Biological Chemistry, Vol. 273, No. 1, pp. 584-591 (1998); and

(8) U.S. Patent No. 5,965,386.

Applicants note that documents (1)-(4) were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 2, 2005. Accordingly, copies of these four documents are not enclosed herewith.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner, are set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and indicate the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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	1	English Language Abstract of KR 0246932.
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